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Preface

This monthly statistical release provides information on South African residents and foreign travellers who entered or left South Africa in March 2026. Specific focus is on foreign tourists who entered the country in March 2026. Tourists are classified by region and country of residence. Details of their mode of travel; purpose of visit, and age and sex distribution are also provided.

The March, June, September, and December releases include summaries of tourist numbers for the current quarter and comparisons with previous periods.

Note: Users are advised that some ports of entry and exit are missing data due to a lack of network coverage at those ports; however, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) is addressing this issue. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) is in constant communication with the department, and more ports of entry/exit will have data, thereby improving coverage.

1. Highlights of the results

In March 2026, 3 037 756 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) entered and exited South Africa. They were made up of 723 364 (23,8%) South African residents and 2 314 392 (76,2%) foreign travellers. Foreign arrivals were made up of 28 794 (2,4%) non-visitors and 1 171 740 (97,6%) visitors. Visitors consisted of 259 778 (22,2%) same-day visitors and 911 962 (77,8%) overnight visitors (tourists).

Tourists

Overseas tourists constituted 24,5% (223 641) of all tourists. United Kingdom (UK) (45 902), Germany (39 913) and United States of America (USA) (31 268) contributed 52,4% to overseas tourists. Tourists from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries constituted 73,5% (670 498) of all tourists. Mozambique (208 306), Zimbabwe (179 403) and Lesotho (108 482) contributed 74,0% to SADC tourists. 'Other' African countries (non-SADC) tourists were 1,8% (16 827) of all tourists. Kenya (5 196), Ghana (4 008) and Nigeria (2 507) contributed 69,6% to 'other' African tourists. The country of residence of 996 (0,1%) tourists was classified as unspecified.

Purpose of visit

'Holiday'¹ continues to be the main purpose of visit. About 97,2% of all the tourists were in South Africa for holiday purposes.



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¹ The holiday category includes tourists who came for vacation, visiting friends and relatives, shopping and other personal reasons such as attending weddings.

2. Key findings

2.1 Travellers

2.1.1 Number of travellers

The routine data collected by the DHA immigration officers at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 3 037 756 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports in March 2026. As presented in Table 1 below, these travellers were made up of 723 364 South African residents and 2 314 392 foreign travellers. A further breakdown of the figures for South African residents indicates that there were 349 439 arrivals, 373 332 departures and 593 travellers in transit. The corresponding volumes for foreign arrivals, departures and travellers in transit were 1 200 534, 1 073 128 and 40 730 respectively.

A comparison between the movements in February 2026 and March 2026 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and transits increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 17,9% (from 296 413 in February 2026 to 349 439 in March 2026), departures increased by 25,6% (from 297 220 in February 2026 to 373 332 in March 2026) and transits increased by 23,3% (from 481 in February 2026 to 593 in March 2026). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 6,6% (from 1 126 271 in February 2026 to 1 200 534 in March 2026), departures increased by 14,7% (from 935 359 in February 2026 to 1 073 128 in March 2026), and transits increased by 20,2% (from 33 875 in February 2026 to 40 730 in March 2026).

A comparison between the movements in March 2025 and March 2026 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and transits increased for both groups of travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 1,6% (from 343 852 in March 2025 to 349 439 in March 2026), departures increased by 2,4% (from 364 598 in March 2025 to 373 332 in March 2026) and transits increased by 26,2% (from 470 in March 2025 to 593 in March 2026). For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 8,4% (from 1 107 069 in March 2025 to 1 200 534 in March 2026), departures increased by 8,8% (from 986 507 in March 2025 to 1 073 128 in March 2026) and transits increased by 11,7% (from 36 470 in March 2025 to 40 730 in March 2026).

Table 1 – Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction

Travel Direction	March 2025	February 2026	March 2026	% Change Feb 2026 – Mar 2026	% Change Mar 2025 – Mar 2026
Total	2 838 966	2 689 619	3 037 756	12,9	7,0
South African residents	708 920	594 114	723 364	21,8	2,0
Arrivals	343 852	296 413	349 439	17,9	1,6
Departures	364 598	297 220	373 332	25,6	2,4
Transits	470	481	593	23,3	26,2
Foreign travellers	2 130 046	2 095 505	2 314 392	10,4	8,7
Arrivals	1 107 069	1 126 271	1 200 534	6,6	8,4
Departures	986 507	935 359	1 073 128	14,7	8,8
Transits	36 470	33 875	40 730	20,2	11,7

2.1.2 Mode of travel of travellers

Information presented in Table 2 below shows the number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel. In March 2026, road was the most common mode of travel used by 1 985 575 (65,4%) of the 3 037 756 travellers. The total number of air travellers was 998 792 (32,9%). Compared to air and road, a smaller number of travellers, 53 389 (1,8%) used sea into and out of South Africa. Information on arrivals of South African residents shows that 145 919 (41,8%) came by air, 186 969 (53,5%) came by road and 16 551 (4,7%) arrived by sea. For departures, 160 598 (43,0%) used air, 196 342 (52,6%) used road and 16 392 (4,4%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 593 (100,0%) used air.

In the case of foreign travellers, 309 672 (25,8%) arrived by air, 883 431 (73,6%) came by road and 7 431 (0,6%) arrived by sea. When departing South Africa, 341 280 (31,8%) foreign travellers left by air, 718 833 (67,0%) left by road and 13 015 (1,2%) left by sea. All travellers in transit, 40 730 (100,0%) used air.

Table 2 – Number of South African residents and foreign travellers by travel direction and mode of travel

Travel direction	Total	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	3 037 756	314 137	7 287	675 305	2 063	998 792	1 985 575	53 389
South African residents	723 364	60 126	4 177	241 448	1 359	307 110	383 311	32 943
Arrivals	349 439	30 681	1 880	112 699	659	145 919	186 969	16 551
Departures	373 332	29 438	2 297	128 163	700	160 598	196 342	16 392
Transit	593	7	-	586	-	593	-	-
Foreign travellers	2 314 392	254 011	3 110	433 857	704	691 682	1 602 264	20 446
Arrivals	1 200 534	117 592	1 537	190 176	367	309 672	883 431	7 431
Departures	1 073 128	136 116	1 573	203 254	337	341 280	718 833	13 015
Transit	40 730	303	-	40 427	-	40 730	-	-
Visitors	1 171 740	114 020	1 373	184 619	296	300 308	867 451	3 981
Same-day	259 778	1 469	5	20 214	70	21 758	237 824	196
Overnight/ Tourist	911 962	112 551	1 368	164 405	226	278 550	629 627	3 785

2.2 Visitors

Detailed information on the departure of travellers is not available in the movement control system. Data on the purpose of travel and the number of days South African residents intend to spend or have spent abroad are not collected by the DHA. It is therefore not possible to categorise South African residents as tourists or non-tourists. However, some data are available on foreign arrivals for this categorisation.

As presented in Table 3 on page 4, in March 2026, 28 794 (2,4%) of foreign arrivals were classified as non-visitors, while 1 171 740 (97,6%) were classified as visitors. Visitors were categorised into three groups:

- Arrivals only – comprising visitors who entered the country in March 2026 but did not depart in March 2026 [458 936 (39,2%)].
- Single trips – visitors who came to South Africa once in March 2026 and left in March 2026 [367 753 (31,4%)].
- Multiple trips – visitors who came to and left South Africa more than once in March 2026 [345 051 (29,4%)].

Visitors were further grouped as same-day visitors and overnight visitors/tourists. In March 2026, there were 259 778 (22,2%) same-day visitors and 911 962 (77,8%) tourists. Between February 2026 and March 2026, the volume of same-day visitors increased by 10,3% (from 235 622 in February 2026 to 259 778 in March 2026) and that of tourists increased by 5,5% (from 864 534 in February 2026 to 911 962 in March 2026). Between March 2025 and March 2026, the volume of same-day visitors decreased by 2,9% (from 267 567 in March 2025 to 259 778 in March 2026) whereas that of tourists increased by 12,5% (from 810 442 in March 2025 to 911 962 in March 2026).

Table 2 on page 3 further shows that of the 259 778 same-day visitors, a majority, 237 824 (91,5%) arrived in the country by road, 21 758 (8,4%) arrived by air and 196 (0,1%) arrived by sea. Information on tourists shows that 629 627 (69,0%) came by road, 278 550 (30,5%) used air and 3 785 (0,4%) used sea.

Table 3 – Number of visitors by type of visitor

Travel Direction	March 2025	February 2026	March 2026	% Change Feb 2026 – Mar 2026	% Change Mar 2025 – Mar 2026
Foreign arrivals	1 107 069	1 126 271	1 200 534	6,6	8,4
Non-visitors	29 060	26 115	28 794	10,3	-0,9
Visitors	1 078 009	1 100 156	1 171 740	6,5	8,7
Visitors	1 078 009	1 100 156	1 171 740	6,5	8,7
Arrivals only	372 381	477 316	458 936	-3,9	23,2
Single trips	351 914	341 708	367 753	7,6	4,5
Multiple trips	353 714	281 132	345 051	22,7	-2,4
Visitors	1 078 009	1 100 156	1 171 740	6,5	8,7
Same-day	267 567	235 622	259 778	10,3	-2,9
Overnight/Tourists	810 442	864 534	911 962	5,5	12,5

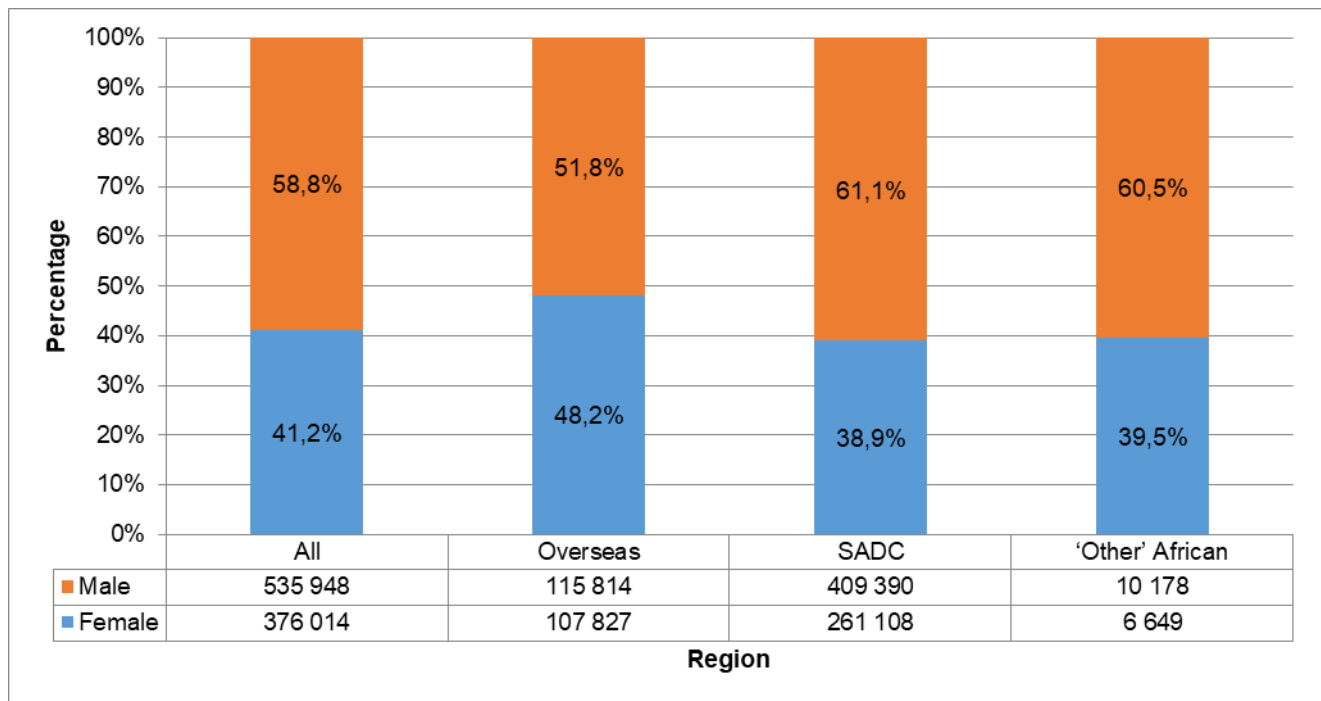
2.3 Tourists

2.3.1 Sex and age distribution of tourists

Sex

Figure 1 on page 5 shows that there were more male [535 948 (58,8%)] than female [376 014 (41,2%)] tourists. Male tourists constituted the majority of tourists for all three regions, SADC countries [409 390 (61,1%)], overseas countries [115 814 (51,8%)] and 'other' African countries [10 178 (60,5%)]. Similarly, the largest portion of female tourists was from SADC countries [261 108 (38,9%)], followed by overseas countries [107 827 (48,2%)] and 'other' African countries [6 649 (39,5%)].

Figure 1 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and sex, March 2026

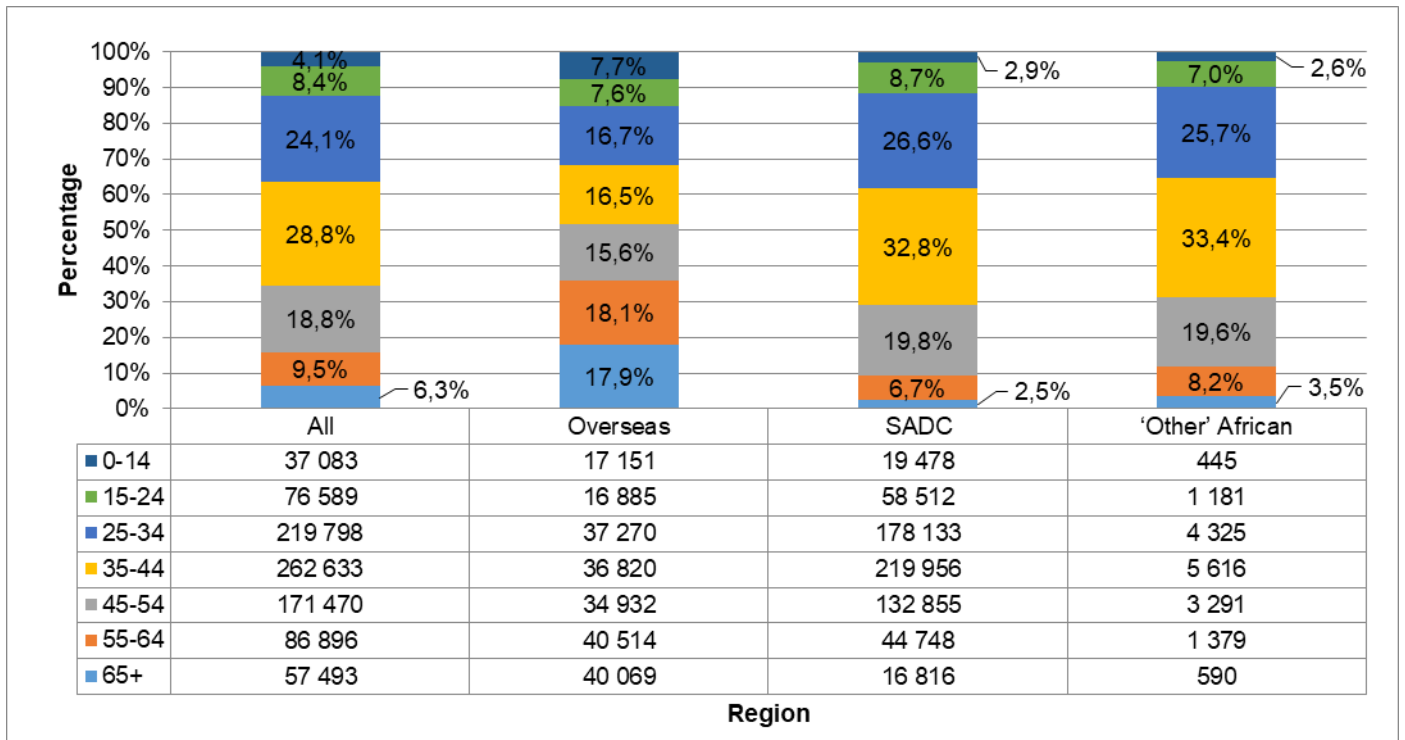


Age

The age distribution indicates that out of all tourists, [4,1% (37 083)] were aged younger than 15; [8,4% (76 589)] were aged between 15 and 24; [24,1% (219 798)] were aged between 25 and 34; [28,8% (262 633)] were aged between 35 and 44; [18,8% (171 470)] were aged between 45 and 54; [9,5% (86 896)] were aged between 55 and 64; and [6,3% (57 493)] were aged 65 and older (see Figure 2 on page 6).

Taking the region of residence into consideration, the results show that the highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [32,8% (219 956)] and those from 'other' African countries [33,4% (5 616)] were aged between 35 and 44. In contrast, those from overseas countries [18,1% (40 514)] were aged 55 and 64. The second highest proportion of tourists from SADC countries [26,6% (178 133)] and those from 'other' African countries [25,7% (4 325)] were aged between 25 and 34, whereas those from overseas countries [17,9% (40 069)] were aged 65 and above. The proportion of tourists aged younger than 15 was higher among tourists from overseas countries, 7,7% (17 151) compared to those from SADC countries, 2,9% (19 478) and those from 'other' African countries, 2,6% (445). The median ages of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries were 46, 38 and 39 years, respectively.

Figure 2 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and age, March 2026

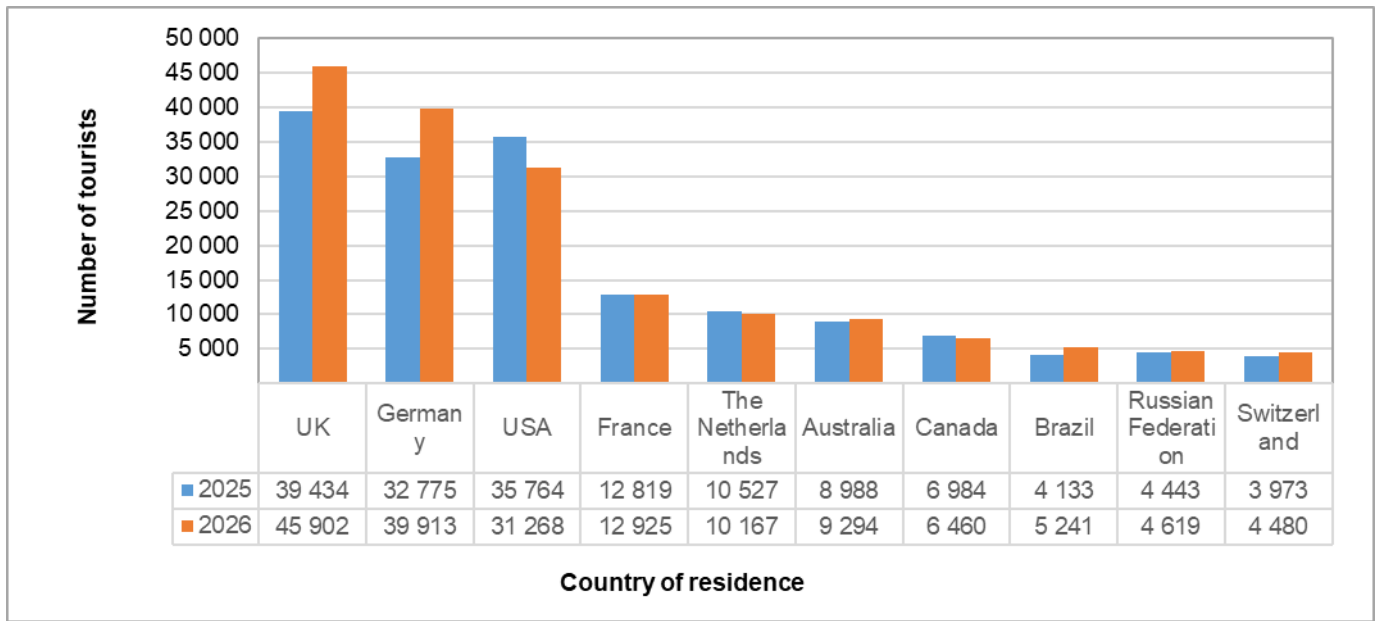


2.3.2 Regional and national distribution of tourists

In March 2026, the distribution of overseas tourists was as follows: Europe, 152 188 (68,1%); North America, 37 728 (16,9%); Asia, 13 926 (6,2%); Australasia, 10 910 (4,9%); Central and South America, 7 767 (3,5%) and Middle East, 1 122 (0,5%) (see Table 4 on page 9).

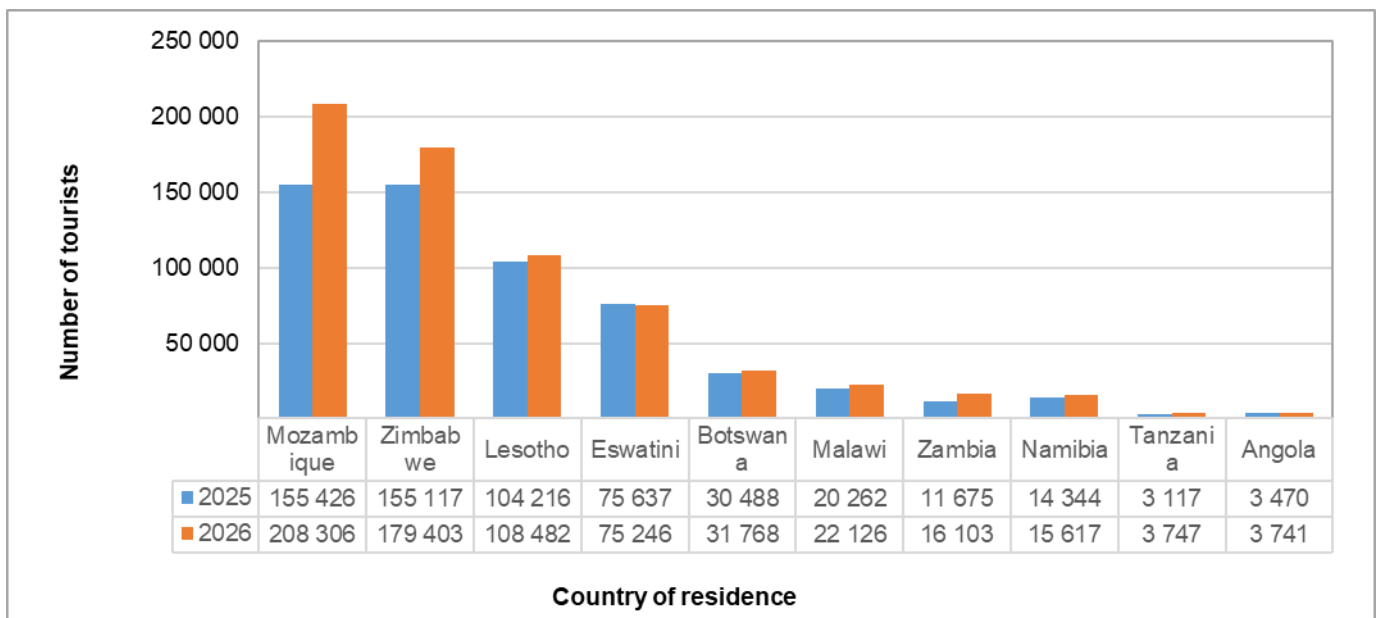
Figure 3 on page 7 indicates that the 10 leading overseas countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2026 were: UK, 45 902 (20,5%); Germany, 39 913 (17,8%); USA, 31 268 (14,0%); France, 12 925 (5,8%); The Netherlands, 10 167 (4,5%); Australia, 9 294 (4,2%); Canada, 6 460 (2,9%); Brazil, 5 241 (2,3%); Russian Federation, 4 619 (2,1%) and Switzerland, 4 480 (2,0%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 76,1% of all tourists from overseas countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between March 2025 and March 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 7 of the 10 leading countries. Brazil had the highest increase of 26,8% (from 4 133 tourists in March 2025 to 5 241 tourists in March 2026).

Figure 3 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading overseas countries in March 2025 and March 2026



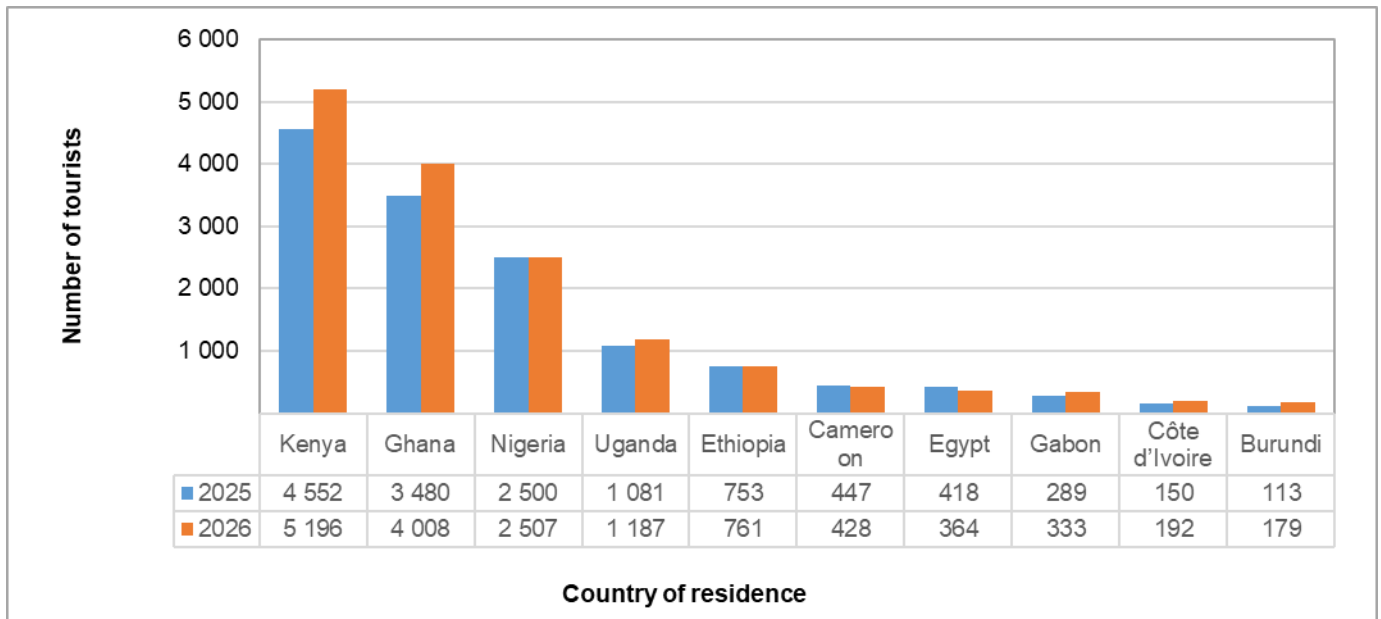
Virtually, most tourists from Africa, 670 498 (97,6%), came from SADC countries. The distribution of the remaining tourists from Africa was as follows: East and Central Africa, 8 564 (1,2%); West Africa, 7 484 (1,1%) and North Africa, 779 (0,1%) (see Table 4 on page 9). The 10 leading SADC countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2026 were: Mozambique, 208 306 (31,1%); Zimbabwe, 179 403 (26,8%); Lesotho, 108 482 (16,2%); Eswatini, 75 246 (11,2%); Botswana, 31 768 (4,7%); Malawi, 22 126 (3,3%); Zambia, 16 103 (2,4%); Namibia, 15 617 (2,3%); Tanzania, 3 747 (0,6%) and Angola, 3 741 (0,6%) (see Figure 4 below). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 99,1% of all tourists from the SADC countries. A comparison of movements in the 10 leading countries between March 2025 and March 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 9 of the 10 leading countries. Zambia showed the highest increase of 37,9% (from 11 675 tourists in March 2025 to 16 103 tourists in March 2026).

Figure 4 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading SADC countries in March 2025 and March 2026



The 10 leading countries in terms of the number of tourists visiting South Africa in March 2026 from 'other' African countries, as shown in Figure 5 below, were: Kenya, 5 196 (30,9%); Ghana, 4 008 (23,8%); Nigeria, 2 507 (14,9%); Uganda, 1 187 (7,1%); Ethiopia, 761 (4,5%); Cameroon, 428 (2,5%); Egypt, 364 (2,2%); Gabon, 333 (2,0%); Côte d'Ivoire, 192 (1,1%) and Burundi, 179 (1,1%). Tourists from these 10 countries constituted 90,1% of all tourists from 'other' African countries. A comparison between movements in March 2025 and March 2026 shows that the number of tourists increased for 8 of the 10 leading countries. Burundi showed the highest increase of 58,4% (from 113 tourists in March 2025 to 179 tourists in March 2026).

Figure 5 – Number of tourists from the 10 leading 'other' African countries in March 2025 and March 2026



2.3.3 Purpose of visit of tourists

Table 4 on page 9, shows the number of tourists by region and sub-region. Detailed data on the country of residence and purpose of visit is presented in Annexure C on pages 21 to 24. It is observed that in March 2026, the majority of tourists, 886 809 (97,2%), were in South Africa for holiday compared to 22 355 (2,5%); 2 520 (0,3%) and 278 (less than 0,1%) who were in South Africa for business, study and medical treatment, respectively.

Within the overseas regions, Australasia, 99,5% (10 854) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for holiday, followed by Central and South America, 98,9% (7 685); North America, 98,8% (37 277); Europe, 98,8% (150 289); Middle East, 97,5% (1 094) and Asia, 95,7% (13 330).

Asia, 2,7% (377) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business, followed by Europe, 1,1% (1 675); North America, 1,0% (360); Middle East, 0,9% (10); Central and South America, 0,8% (64) and Australasia, 0,4% (46).

Middle East, 1,6% (18) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to study, followed by Asia, 1,5% (212); Central and South America, 0,2% (17); North America, 0,2% (80); Europe, 0,1% (183) and Australasia, 0,1% (10).

Asia (7) had 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by Europe (41), North America (11) and Central and South America (1) with less than 0,1% of tourists who came for medical treatment. Australasia and Middle East had none.

The majority of African tourists, 665 324 (96,8%) came to South Africa for holiday. However, the following differences in terms of reasons for travel were observed between tourists from the SADC countries and 'other' African countries, namely:

- Holiday makers constituted 96,9% (649 647) of tourists from SADC countries compared to 93,2% (15 677) from 'other' African countries. Information on the regions of 'other' African countries shows that 94,3% (7 061) of tourists from West Africa were on holiday, followed by tourists from East and Central Africa, 92,5% (7 918) and those from North Africa, 89,6% (698).
- Business persons constituted 2,8% (19 077) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 4,2% (707) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 5,8% (45) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for business purposes, followed by East and Central Africa, 5,2% (449) and West Africa, 2,8% (213).
- Students constituted 0,2% (1 596) of tourists from SADC countries compared with 2,4% (404) from 'other' African countries. North Africa, 4,6% (36) had the highest proportion of tourists who came to South Africa for study purposes, followed by West Africa, 2,8% (206) and East and Central Africa, 1,9% (162).
- Tourists who came for medical treatment constituted less than 0,1% (178) of tourists from SADC countries, while those from 'other' African countries constituted 0,2% (39). East and Central Africa, 0,4% (35) had the highest proportion of tourists who came for medical treatment, followed by West Africa, 0,1% (4). North Africa had no tourists who came for medical treatment.

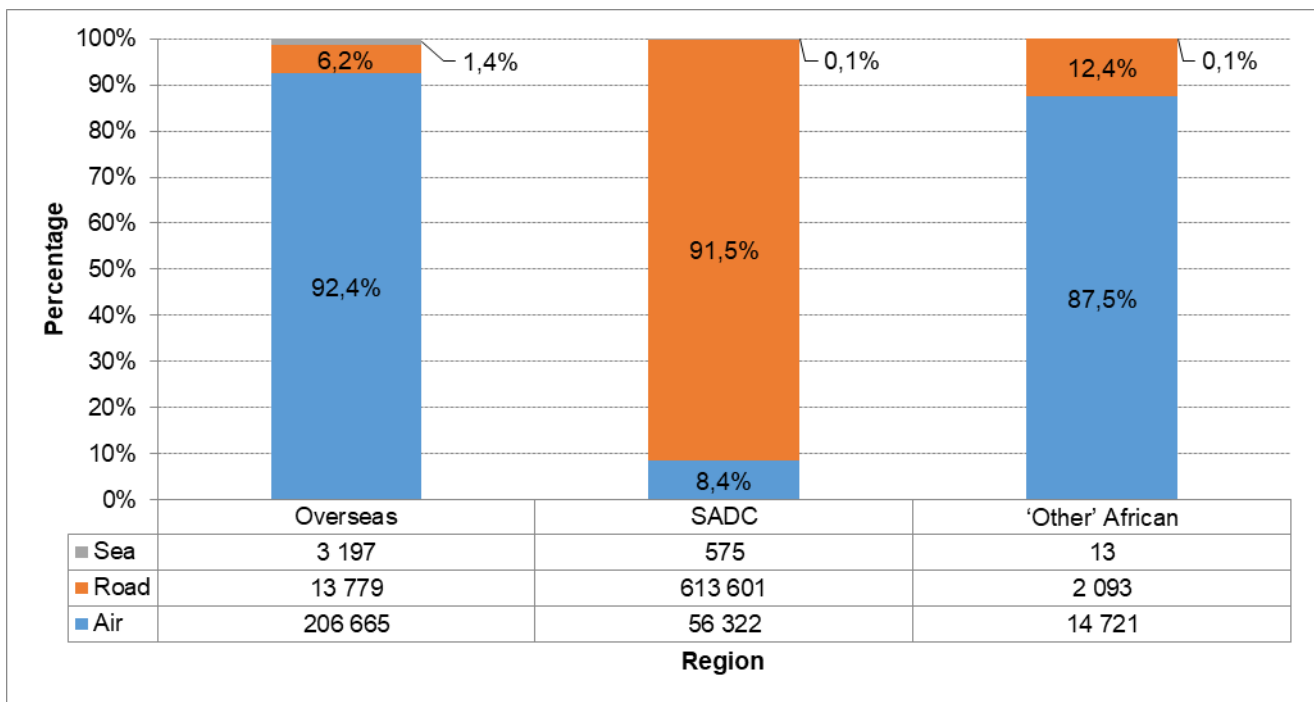
Table 4 – Number of tourists by region of residence and purpose of visit

Region of residence	March 2026	Business	Holiday	Study	Medical treatment
Total	911 962	22 355	886 809	2 520	278
Overseas	223 641	2 532	220 529	520	60
Europe	152 188	1 675	150 289	183	41
North America	37 728	360	37 277	80	11
Central and South America	7 767	64	7 685	17	1
Australasia	10 910	46	10 854	10	-
Middle East	1 122	10	1 094	18	-
Asia	13 926	377	13 330	212	7
Africa	687 325	19 784	665 324	2 000	217
SADC	670 498	19 077	649 647	1 596	178
'Other' African	16 827	707	15 677	404	39
East and Central Africa	8 564	449	7 918	162	35
West Africa	7 484	213	7 061	206	4
North Africa	779	45	698	36	-
Unspecified	996	39	956	-	1

2.3.4 Mode of travel of tourists

Tourists are categorised by their countries of residence and regions. Information on the specific region and country of residence of tourists and the mode of travel used to enter South Africa is provided in Annexure B on pages 17 to 20, whereas the port of entry used by tourists is provided in Annexure G on page 37. As shown in Figure 6 below, 206 665 (92,4%) overseas tourists arrived in the country by air, whilst 13 779 (6,2%) came in by road and 3 197 (1,4%) arrived by sea. Tourists from the SADC countries, on the other hand, came predominantly by road, 613 601 (91,5%), 56 322 (8,4%) came by air and 575 (0,1%) came by sea. The number of tourists who came into South Africa by air from 'other' African countries was 14 721 (87,5%); while 2 093 (12,4%) used road transport and 13 (0,1%) arrived by sea. Most tourists who arrived by road came through Lebombo port (204 730) and Beit Bridge port (140 882). The majority of tourists who came by air entered through OR Tambo International Airport (164 405) and Cape Town International Airport (112 551). Tourists who arrived by sea came through Cape Town Harbour (3 096) and Durban Harbour (689).

Figure 6 – Percentage distribution of tourists by region of residence and mode of travel, March 2026



2.3.5 Quarterly and annual trends

Figures 7, 8, and 9 on pages 11 and 12 show quarterly changes in the number of tourists from overseas, SADC and 'other' African countries, respectively. Figure 7 on page 11, shows that the number of overseas tourists who come to South Africa is generally highest in quarters one and four of each year except the period between 2021 and 2022 when they were highest in quarter three and four. Between quarter four of 2025 and quarter one of 2026 (Annexure E, pages 29 to 30), the number of tourists from overseas decreased by 5,3% (from 719 907 in quarter four of 2025 to 681 677 in quarter one of 2026). A year-on-year comparison between 2025 and 2026 for quarter one (Annexure F, pages 33 to 34) shows that the number of overseas tourists increased by 6,3% (from 641 085 in quarter one of 2025 to 681 677 in quarter one of 2026).

Figure 7 – Number of tourists from overseas countries by quarter: 2018 – 2026

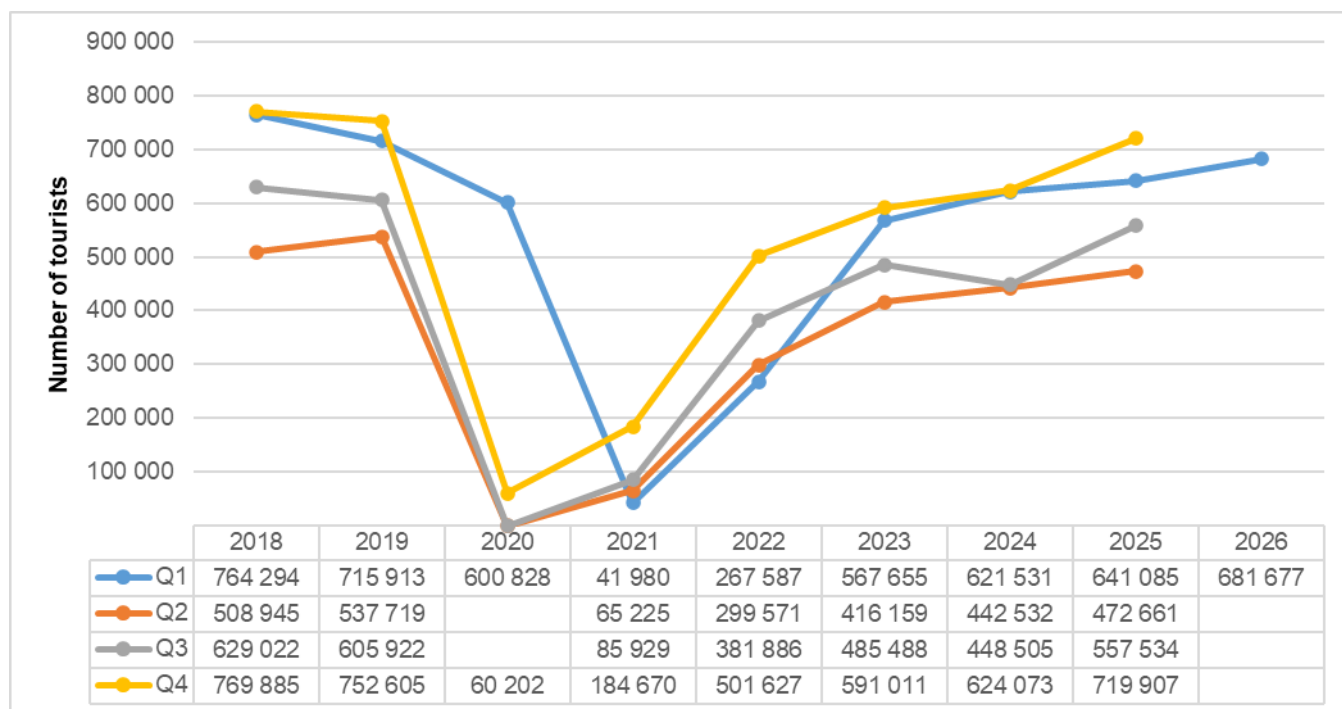


Figure 8 below, shows that the number of SADC tourists was highest in quarter one between 2018 and 2020 and in 2024. Tourists were also highest in quarter four between 2021 and 2023 and in 2025. Between quarter four of 2025 and quarter one of 2026, the number of tourists from SADC increased by 4,6% (from 2 081 204 in quarter four of 2025 to 2 176 815 in quarter one of 2026) (see Annexure E on pages 30 to 31). Comparisons between the first quarters of 2025 and 2026 show that the number of SADC tourists increased by 14,7% (from 1 898 428 in quarter one of 2025 to 2 176 815 in quarter one of 2026) (see Annexure F on pages 34 to 35).

Figure 8 – Number of tourists from SADC countries by quarter: 2018 – 2026

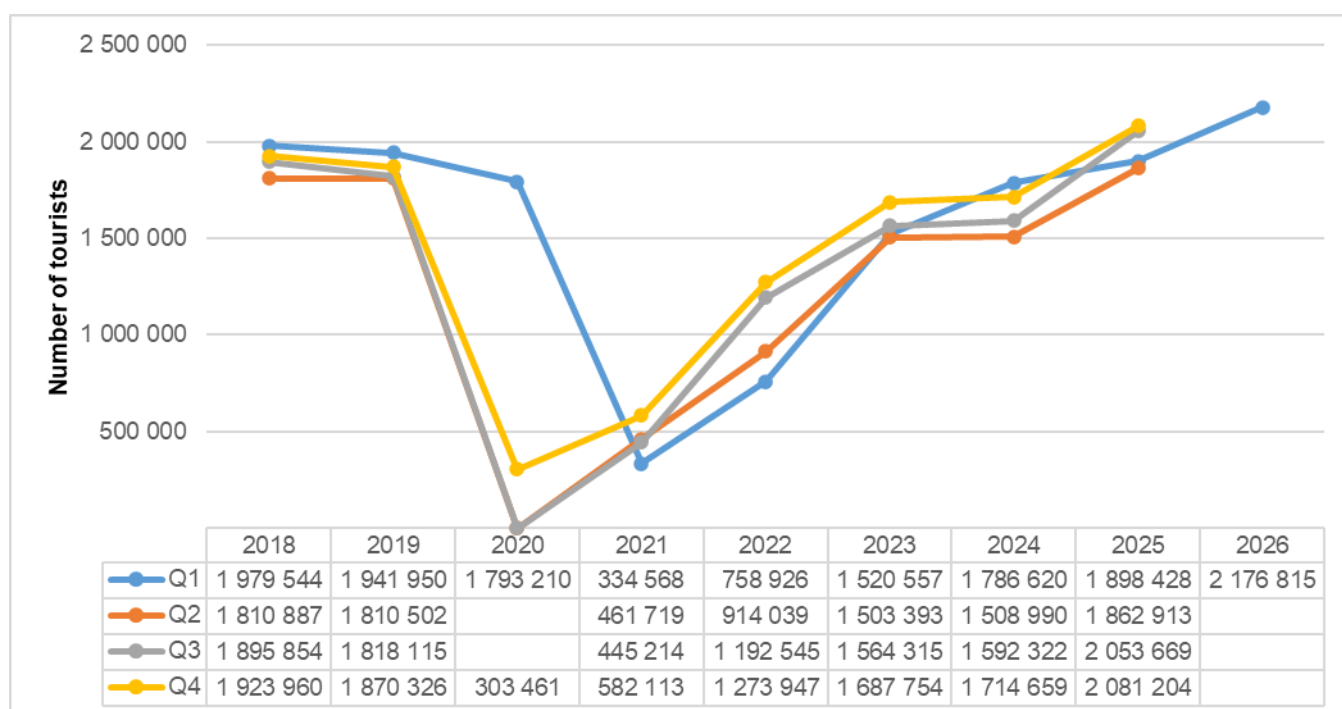
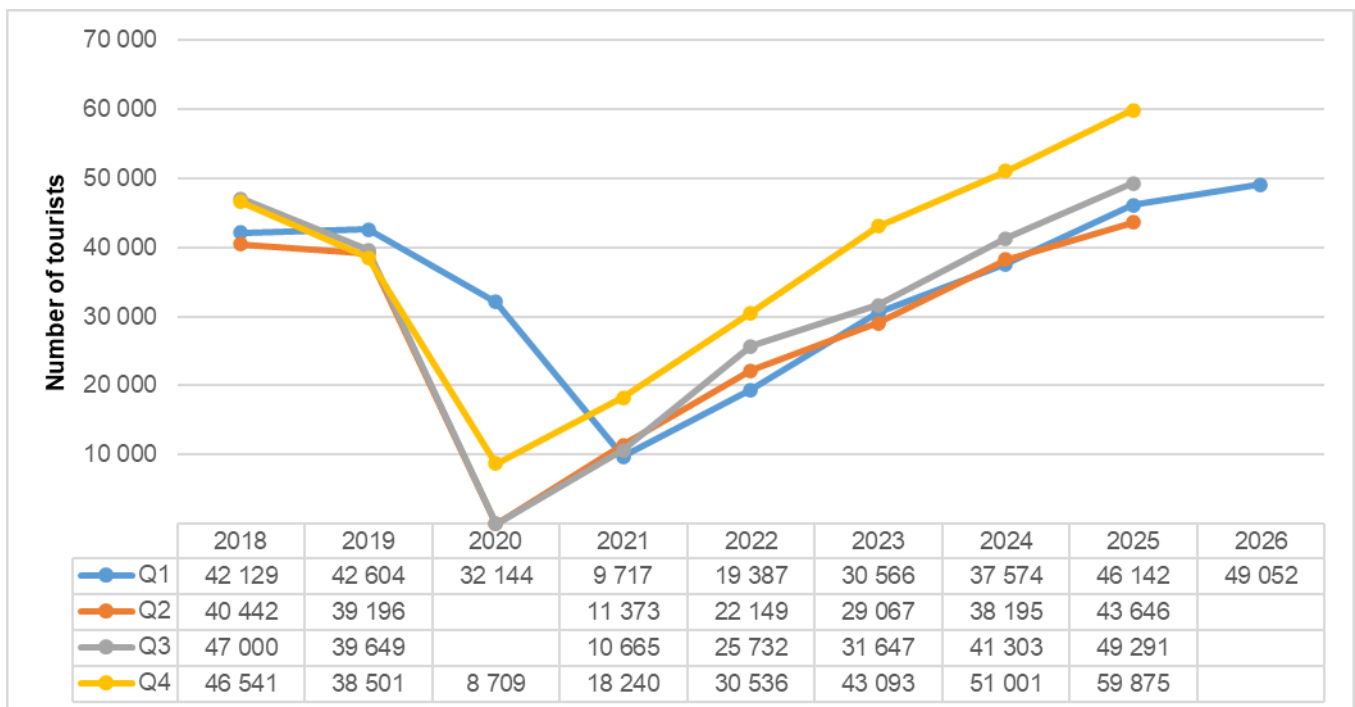


Figure 9 below, shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries was highest in quarter four between 2021 and 2025 and was highest in quarter three for 2018 and in quarter one for 2019. Between quarter four of 2025 and quarter one of 2026 (see Annexure E on pages 31 to 32), the number of tourists from 'other' African countries decreased by 18,1% (from 59 875 in quarter four of 2025 to 49 052 in quarter one of 2026). East and Central Africa had the highest decrease of 26,0% (from 32 160 in quarter four of 2025 to 23 795 in quarter one of 2026), followed by North Africa which decreased by 20,0% (from 3 964 in quarter four of 2025 to 3 173 in quarter one of 2026) and West Africa which decreased by 7,0% (from 23 751 in quarter four of 2025 to 22 084 in quarter one of 2026). A year-on-year comparison for quarter one of 2025 and 2026 (see Annexure F on pages 35 to 36) shows that the number of tourists from 'other' African countries increased by 6,3% (from 46 142 in quarter one of 2025 to 49 052 in quarter one of 2026). West Africa had the highest increase of 9,8% (from 20 105 in quarter one of 2025 to 22 084 in quarter one of 2026), followed by East and Central Africa which increased by 7,9% (from 22 061 in quarter one of 2025 to 23 795 in quarter one of 2026). North Africa decreased by 20,2% (from 3 976 in quarter one of 2025 to 3 173 in quarter one of 2026).

Figure 9 – Number of tourists from 'other' African countries by quarter: 2018 – 2026



3. Annexures

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between March 2025 and March 2026 by country of residence

Country of residence	March 2025	March 2026	Difference between March 2025 and March 2026	% change between March 2025 and March 2026
Total	810 442	911 962	101 520	12,5
Overseas	214 546	223 641	9 095	4,2
Europe	134 963	152 188	17 225	12,8
Austria	8 988	2 717	-6 271	-69,8
Belgium	4 123	3 645	-478	-11,6
Denmark	1 881	2 301	420	22,3
France	12 819	12 925	106	0,8
Germany	32 775	39 913	7 138	21,8
Ireland	3 128	3 517	389	12,4
Italy	3 622	3 452	-170	-4,7
Portugal	1 739	2 114	375	21,6
Russian Federation	4 443	4 619	176	4,0
Spain	2 154	2 606	452	21,0
Sweden	2 454	2 421	-33	-1,3
Switzerland	3 973	4 480	507	12,8
The Netherlands	10 527	10 167	-360	-3,4
UK	39 434	45 902	6 468	16,4
Other	2 903	11 409	8 506	293,0
North America	42 748	37 728	-5 020	-11,7
Canada	6 984	6 460	-524	-7,5
USA	35 764	31 268	-4 496	-12,6
Central and South America	6 495	7 767	1 272	19,6
Argentina	646	697	51	7,9
Brazil	4 133	5 241	1 108	26,8
Chile	286	292	6	2,1
Other	1 430	1 537	107	7,5

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between March 2025 and March 2026 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	March 2025	March 2026	Difference between March 2025 and March 2026	% change between March 2025 and March 2026
Australasia	10 712	10 910	198	1,8
Australia	8 988	9 294	306	3,4
New Zealand	1 701	1 603	-98	-5,8
Other	23	13	-10	-43,5
Middle East	2 824	1 122	-1 702	-60,3
Israel	791	391	-400	-50,6
Lebanon	202	142	-60	-29,7
Saudi Arabia	390	307	-83	-21,3
Other	1 441	282	-1 159	-80,4
Asia	16 804	13 926	-2 878	-17,1
Bangladesh	470	344	-126	-26,8
China	4 150	2 543	-1 607	-38,7
India	5 015	2 920	-2 095	-41,8
Japan	1 866	2 786	920	49,3
Malaysia	386	436	50	13,0
Pakistan	1 137	1 284	147	12,9
Philippines	489	393	-96	-19,6
Singapore	465	787	322	69,2
South Korea	1 234	969	-265	-21,5
Taiwan	371	466	95	25,6
Other	1 221	998	-223	-18,3
Africa	594 856	687 325	92 469	15,5
SADC	579 224	670 498	91 274	15,8
Angola	3 470	3 741	271	7,8
Botswana	30 488	31 768	1 280	4,2
DRC	2 924	3 365	441	15,1
Eswatini	75 637	75 246	-391	-0,5

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between March 2025 and March 2026 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	March 2025	March 2026	Difference between March 2025 and March 2026	% change between March 2025 and March 2026
Lesotho	104 216	108 482	4 266	4,1
Madagascar	404	398	-6	-1,5
Malawi	20 262	22 126	1 864	9,2
Mauritius	1 613	1 679	66	4,1
Mozambique	155 426	208 306	52 880	34,0
Namibia	14 344	15 617	1 273	8,9
Seychelles	531	517	-14	-2,6
Tanzania	3 117	3 747	630	20,2
Zambia	11 675	16 103	4 428	37,9
Zimbabwe	155 117	179 403	24 286	15,7
'Other' African	15 632	16 827	1 195	7,6
East and Central Africa	7 619	8 564	945	12,4
Burundi	113	179	66	58,4
Cameroon	447	428	-19	-4,3
Central African Republic	9	8	-1	-11,1
Chad	26	41	15	57,7
Comoros	38	18	-20	-52,6
Congo	120	120	-	-
Djibouti	10	3	-7	-70,0
Equatorial Guinea	18	18	-	-
Eritrea	35	30	-5	-14,3
Ethiopia	753	761	8	1,1
Gabon	289	333	44	15,2
Kenya	4 552	5 196	644	14,1
Réunion	8	3	-5	-62,5
Rwanda	51	128	77	151,0
São Tomé and Príncipe	10	19	9	90,0
Somalia	59	92	33	55,9
Uganda	1 081	1 187	106	9,8

Annexure A – Number of tourists' difference between March 2025 and March 2026 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	March 2025	March 2026	Difference between March 2025 and March 2026	% change between March 2025 and March 2026
West Africa	6 927	7 484	557	8,0
Benin	214	172	-42	-19,6
Burkina Faso	55	64	9	16,4
Cape Verde Island	28	37	9	32,1
Côte d'Ivoire	150	192	42	28,0
Gambia	42	36	-6	-14,3
Ghana	3 480	4 008	528	15,2
Guinea	77	52	-25	-32,5
Guinea-Bissau	9	9	-	-
Liberia	35	65	30	85,7
Mali	55	95	40	72,7
Mauritania	6	12	6	100,0
Niger	25	25	-	-
Nigeria	2 500	2 507	7	0,3
Saint Helena	2	1	-1	-50,0
Senegal	107	128	21	19,6
Sierra Leone	51	48	-3	-5,9
Togo	91	33	-58	-63,7
North Africa	1 086	779	-307	-28,3
Algeria	46	49	3	6,5
Egypt	418	364	-54	-12,9
Libya	20	28	8	40,0
Morocco	79	66	-13	-16,5
South Sudan	50	84	34	68,0
The Sudan	62	48	-14	-22,6
Tunisia	410	139	-271	-66,1
Western Sahara	1	1	-	-
Unspecified	1 040	996	-44	-4,2

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, March 2026

Country of residence	March 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Total	911 962	112 551	1 368	164 405	226	278 550	629 627	3 785
Overseas	223 641	101 463	727	104 330	145	206 665	13 779	3 197
Europe	152 188	78 743	597	62 589	79	142 008	9 531	649
Austria	2 717	1 549	5	952	1	2 507	196	14
Belgium	3 645	1 781	15	1 534	5	3 335	307	3
Denmark	2 301	724	11	1 484	-	2 219	79	3
France	12 925	4 520	1	6 461	11	10 993	1 866	66
Germany	39 913	24 878	79	12 334	8	37 299	2 266	348
Ireland	3 517	1 832	43	1 537	4	3 416	100	1
Italy	3 452	1 557	15	1 686	-	3 258	188	6
Portugal	2 114	653	1	880	-	1 534	572	8
Russian Federation	4 619	2 697	13	1 703	6	4 419	181	19
Spain	2 606	1 114	8	1 296	3	2 421	173	12
Sweden	2 421	1 137	12	1 066	2	2 217	202	2
Switzerland	4 480	2 595	5	1 510	3	4 113	328	39
The Netherlands	10 167	4 919	16	3 926	1	8 862	1 296	9
UK	45 902	23 396	235	21 196	34	44 861	964	77
Other	11 409	5 391	138	5 024	1	10 554	813	42
North America	37 728	16 264	52	18 875	36	35 227	1 711	790
Canada	6 460	2 821	7	3 185	5	6 018	401	41
USA	31 268	13 443	45	15 690	31	29 209	1 310	749
Central and South America	7 767	1 877	7	5 547	9	7 440	312	15
Argentina	697	149	-	529	-	678	19	-
Brazil	5 241	1 238	-	3 781	9	5 028	208	5
Chile	292	41	1	241	-	283	8	1
Other	1 537	449	6	996	-	1 451	77	9

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, March 2026 (continued)

Country of residence	March 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Australasia	10 910	1 569	12	8 998	6	10 585	241	84
Australia	9 294	1 234	2	7 781	6	9 023	206	65
New Zealand	1 603	334	10	1 205	-	1 549	35	19
Other	13	1	-	12	-	13	-	-
Middle East	1 122	489	10	541	-	1 040	78	4
Israel	391	98	3	256	-	357	31	3
Lebanon	142	42	2	79	-	123	19	-
Saudi Arabia	307	229	5	70	-	304	3	-
Other	282	120	-	136	-	256	25	1
Asia	13 926	2 521	49	7 780	15	10 365	1 906	1 655
Bangladesh	344	51	-	187	-	238	106	-
China	2 543	277	4	1 898	8	2 187	245	111
India	2 920	385	10	1 866	3	2 264	647	9
Japan	2 786	425	5	1 213	-	1 643	52	1 091
Malaysia	436	107	2	251	1	361	24	51
Pakistan	1 284	94	20	640	2	756	527	1
Philippines	393	107	2	232	1	342	40	11
Singapore	787	251	-	448	-	699	18	70
South Korea	969	459	4	365	-	828	84	57
Taiwan	466	74	-	124	-	198	70	198
Other	998	291	2	556	-	849	93	56
Africa	687 325	11 007	640	59 316	67	71 043	615 694	588
SADC	670 498	7 428	622	48 205	67	56 322	613 601	575
Angola	3 741	1 707	-	1 515	2	3 224	506	11
Botswana	31 768	315	-	2 978	10	3 303	28 397	68
DRC	3 365	114	-	3 036	1	3 151	214	-
Eswatini	75 246	201	85	1 084	4	1 374	73 863	9

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, March 2026 (continued)

Country of residence	March 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
Lesotho	108 482	11	-	698	-	709	107 646	127
Madagascar	398	25	-	366	-	391	6	1
Malawi	22 126	31	1	2 790	7	2 829	19 294	3
Mauritius	1 679	501	1	1 135	-	1 637	41	1
Mozambique	208 306	243	5	3 552	7	3 807	204 465	34
Namibia	15 617	2 358	-	3 704	3	6 065	9 455	97
Seychelles	517	4	-	490	-	494	23	-
Tanzania	3 747	419	6	2 221	-	2 646	1 101	-
Zambia	16 103	164	2	5 360	2	5 528	10 553	22
Zimbabwe	179 403	1 335	522	19 276	31	21 164	158 037	202
'Other' African	16 827	3 579	18	11 111	13	14 721	2 093	13
East and Central Africa	8 564	2 264	5	5 474	11	7 754	807	3
Burundi	179	67	-	99	-	166	13	-
Cameroon	428	115	-	288	-	403	25	-
Central African Republic	8	1	-	7	-	8	-	-
Chad	41	6	-	35	-	41	-	-
Comoros	18	4	-	14	-	18	-	-
Congo	120	31	-	81	-	112	8	-
Djibouti	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	18	5	-	13	-	18	-	-
Eritrea	30	3	-	23	-	26	4	-
Ethiopia	761	105	1	579	1	686	74	1
Gabon	333	27	-	301	-	328	5	-
Kenya	5 196	1 562	3	3 098	5	4 668	527	1
Réunion	3	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
Rwanda	128	7	-	111	-	118	10	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	19	5	-	14	-	19	-	-
Somalia	92	9	-	12	-	21	71	-
Uganda	1 187	314	1	796	5	1 116	70	1

Annexure B – Number of tourists by country of residence and mode of travel, March 2026 (concluded)

Country of residence	March 2026	Air					Road	Sea
		Cape Town	King Shaka	OR Tambo	Other	Total		
West Africa	7 484	1 204	3	5 005	2	6 214	1 260	10
Benin	172	36	-	122	2	160	12	-
Burkina Faso	64	21	-	42	-	63	1	-
Cape Verde Island	37	9	-	26	-	35	2	-
Côte d'Ivoire	192	24	-	161	-	185	7	-
Gambia	36	5	-	29	-	34	2	-
Ghana	4 008	378	1	2 592	-	2 971	1 031	6
Guinea	52	5	-	26	-	31	21	-
Guinea-Bissau	9	-	-	7	-	7	2	-
Liberia	65	9	-	53	-	62	3	-
Mali	95	11	-	62	-	73	22	-
Mauritania	12	1	-	11	-	12	-	-
Niger	25	5	-	20	-	25	-	-
Nigeria	2 507	655	1	1 701	-	2 357	146	4
Saint Helena	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Senegal	128	28	1	95	-	124	4	-
Sierra Leone	48	9	-	32	-	41	7	-
Togo	33	8	-	25	-	33	-	-
North Africa	779	111	10	632	-	753	26	-
Algeria	49	8	1	37	-	46	3	-
Egypt	364	34	-	312	-	346	18	-
Libya	28	2	-	26	-	28	-	-
Morocco	66	14	1	50	-	65	1	-
South Sudan	84	10	-	73	-	83	1	-
The Sudan	48	9	1	35	-	45	3	-
Tunisia	139	34	7	98	-	139	-	-
Western Sahara	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	996	81	1	759	1	842	154	-

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, March 2026

Country of residence	March 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Total	911 962	22 355	886 809	2 520	278
Overseas	223 641	2 532	220 529	520	60
Europe	152 188	1 675	150 289	183	41
Austria	2 717	18	2 699	-	-
Belgium	3 645	42	3 596	6	1
Denmark	2 301	24	2 276	1	-
France	12 925	154	12 730	36	5
Germany	39 913	268	39 620	23	2
Ireland	3 517	27	3 482	4	4
Italy	3 452	71	3 375	6	-
Portugal	2 114	32	2 077	3	2
Russian Federation	4 619	15	4 603	1	-
Spain	2 606	50	2 551	4	1
Sweden	2 421	41	2 375	5	-
Switzerland	4 480	33	4 439	7	1
The Netherlands	10 167	121	10 018	14	14
UK	45 902	552	45 307	32	11
Other	11 409	227	11 141	41	-
North America	37 728	360	37 277	80	11
Canada	6 460	42	6 407	7	4
USA	31 268	318	30 870	73	7
Central and South America	7 767	64	7 685	17	1
Argentina	697	5	692	-	-
Brazil	5 241	28	5 202	10	1
Chile	292	7	285	-	-
Other	1 537	24	1 506	7	-

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, March 2026 (continued)

Country of residence	March 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Australasia	10 910	46	10 854	10	-
Australia	9 294	39	9 245	10	-
New Zealand	1 603	6	1 597	-	-
Other	13	1	12	-	-
Middle East	1 122	10	1 094	18	-
Israel	391	1	389	1	-
Lebanon	142	1	141	-	-
Saudi Arabia	307	2	302	3	-
Other	282	6	262	14	-
Asia	13 926	377	13 330	212	7
Bangladesh	344	1	338	5	-
China	2 543	82	2 437	23	1
India	2 920	167	2 638	115	-
Japan	2 786	31	2 746	8	1
Malaysia	436	6	419	9	2
Pakistan	1 284	8	1 254	20	2
Philippines	393	15	374	3	1
Singapore	787	12	774	1	-
South Korea	969	8	954	7	-
Taiwan	466	9	457	-	-
Other	998	38	939	21	-
Africa	687 325	19 784	665 324	2 000	217
SADC	670 498	19 077	649 647	1 596	178
Angola	3 741	49	3 585	72	35
Botswana	31 768	547	31 064	140	17
DRC	3 365	48	3 164	113	40
Eswatini	75 246	2 182	72 965	97	2

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, March 2026 (continued)

Country of residence	March 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
Lesotho	108 482	411	107 559	505	7
Madagascar	398	1	392	5	-
Malawi	22 126	295	21 786	40	5
Mauritius	1 679	14	1 644	19	2
Mozambique	208 306	2 542	205 686	59	19
Namibia	15 617	3 618	11 859	129	11
Seychelles	517	1	516	-	-
Tanzania	3 747	83	3 626	36	2
Zambia	16 103	3 716	12 326	52	9
Zimbabwe	179 403	5 570	173 475	329	29
'Other' African	16 827	707	15 677	404	39
East and Central Africa	8 564	449	7 918	162	35
Burundi	179	3	170	3	3
Cameroon	428	41	364	19	4
Central African Republic	8	-	8	-	-
Chad	41	3	23	15	-
Comoros	18	3	14	1	-
Congo	120	4	102	6	8
Djibouti	3	-	3	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	18	1	15	2	-
Eritrea	30	1	29	-	-
Ethiopia	761	48	685	19	9
Gabon	333	4	310	18	1
Kenya	5 196	192	4 954	47	3
Réunion	3	-	3	-	-
Rwanda	128	3	125	-	-
São Tomé and Príncipe	19	-	19	-	-
Somalia	92	35	57	-	-
Uganda	1 187	111	1 037	32	7

Annexure C – Number of tourists by country of residence and purpose of visit, March 2026 (concluded)

Country of residence	March 2026	Purpose of visit			
		Business	Holiday	Study	Medical Treatment
West Africa	7 484	213	7 061	206	4
Benin	172	10	160	2	-
Burkina Faso	64	8	53	3	-
Cape Verde Island	37	-	36	1	-
Côte d'Ivoire	192	20	165	7	-
Gambia	36	2	33	1	-
Ghana	4 008	50	3 945	11	2
Guinea	52	2	48	2	-
Guinea-Bissau	9	-	9	-	-
Liberia	65	2	62	1	-
Mali	95	5	86	2	2
Mauritania	12	1	11	-	-
Niger	25	1	24	-	-
Nigeria	2 507	96	2 244	167	-
Saint Helena	1	-	1	-	-
Senegal	128	13	114	1	-
Sierra Leone	48	1	41	6	-
Togo	33	2	29	2	-
North Africa	779	45	698	36	-
Algeria	49	4	44	1	-
Egypt	364	21	327	16	-
Libya	28	1	22	5	-
Morocco	66	3	60	3	-
South Sudan	84	9	70	5	-
The Sudan	48	1	43	4	-
Tunisia	139	6	131	2	-
Western Sahara	1	-	1	-	-
Unspecified	996	39	956	-	1

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026 by country of residence

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
Total	2 588 537	2 910 029	321 492	12,4
Overseas	641 085	681 677	40 592	6,3
Europe	429 255	479 498	50 243	11,7
Austria	8 065	9 425	1 360	16,9
Belgium	13 672	13 317	-355	-2,6
Denmark	7 152	7 755	603	8,4
France	36 633	37 937	1 304	3,6
Germany	96 415	118 085	21 670	22,5
Ireland	9 305	10 337	1 032	11,1
Italy	10 792	11 073	281	2,6
Poland	5 238	5 949	711	13,6
Russian Federation	11 953	15 214	3 261	27,3
Spain	5 843	6 394	551	9,4
Sweden	10 622	10 888	266	2,5
Switzerland	14 315	15 855	1 540	10,8
The Netherlands	38 699	40 362	1 663	4,3
UK	130 887	141 019	10 132	7,7
Other	29 664	35 888	6 224	21,0
North America	103 252	95 664	-7 588	-7,3
Canada	17 856	17 518	-338	-1,9
USA	85 396	78 146	-7 250	-8,5
Central and South America	21 959	26 293	4 334	19,7
Argentina	2 903	3 716	813	28,0
Brazil	13 607	17 307	3 700	27,2
Chile	1 345	1 317	-28	-2,1
Other	4 104	3 953	-151	-3,7

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
Australasia	27 285	28 519	1 234	4,5
Australia	22 915	24 466	1 551	6,8
New Zealand	4 271	4 016	-255	-6,0
Other	99	37	-62	-62,6
Middle East	8 356	6 115	-2 241	-26,8
Israel	2 271	2 010	-261	-11,5
Lebanon	598	569	-29	-4,8
Saudi Arabia	2 266	1 927	-339	-15,0
Other	3 221	1 609	-1 612	-50,0
Asia	50 978	45 588	-5 390	-10,6
Bangladesh	1 563	1 709	146	9,3
China	11 194	7 637	-3 557	-31,8
India	16 908	12 914	-3 994	-23,6
Japan	4 829	5 866	1 037	21,5
Malaysia	1 184	1 177	-7	-0,6
Pakistan	3 828	4 797	969	25,3
Philippines	1 213	1 211	-2	-0,2
Singapore	1 182	1 771	589	49,8
South Korea	4 758	4 170	-588	-12,4
Taiwan	1 273	1 190	-83	-6,5
Other	3 046	3 146	100	3,3
Africa	1 944 570	2 225 867	281 297	14,5
SADC	1 898 428	2 176 815	278 387	14,7
Angola	10 324	10 643	319	3,1
Botswana	81 115	86 963	5 848	7,2
DRC	8 533	9 769	1 236	14,5
Eswatini	213 907	223 564	9 657	4,5

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026 by country of residence (continued)

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
Lesotho	375 548	381 935	6 387	1,7
Madagascar	997	1 092	95	9,5
Malawi	54 052	62 562	8 510	15,7
Mauritius	4 503	4 581	78	1,7
Mozambique	488 045	642 357	154 312	31,6
Namibia	39 653	40 019	366	0,9
Seychelles	1 422	1 505	83	5,8
Tanzania	9 442	10 938	1 496	15,8
Zambia	36 052	44 676	8 624	23,9
Zimbabwe	574 835	656 211	81 376	14,2
'Other' African	46 142	49 052	2 910	6,3
East and Central Africa	22 061	23 795	1 734	7,9
Burundi	287	377	90	31,4
Cameroon	1 200	1 243	43	3,6
Central African Republic	44	33	-11	-25,0
Chad	135	129	-6	-4,4
Comoros	90	51	-39	-43,3
Congo	473	339	-134	-28,3
Djibouti	32	10	-22	-68,8
Equatorial Guinea	75	59	-16	-21,3
Eritrea	123	91	-32	-26,0
Ethiopia	2 047	2 329	282	13,8
Gabon	896	1 078	182	20,3
Kenya	12 701	14 232	1 531	12,1
Réunion	14	16	2	14,3
Rwanda	213	262	49	23,0
São Tomé and Príncipe	30	34	4	13,3
Somalia	204	242	38	18,6
Uganda	3 497	3 270	-227	-6,5

Annexure D – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026 by country of residence (concluded)

Country of residence	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
West Africa	20 105	22 084	1 979	9,8
Benin	529	424	-105	-19,8
Burkina Faso	219	257	38	17,4
Cape Verde Island	85	85	-	-
Côte d'Ivoire	543	592	49	9,0
Gambia	118	113	-5	-4,2
Ghana	9 769	10 621	852	8,7
Guinea	319	264	-55	-17,2
Guinea-Bissau	39	17	-22	-56,4
Liberia	173	165	-8	-4,6
Mali	309	358	49	15,9
Mauritania	70	88	18	25,7
Niger	78	90	12	15,4
Nigeria	7 152	8 331	1 179	16,5
Saint Helena	7	3	-4	-57,1
Senegal	366	397	31	8,5
Sierra Leone	158	155	-3	-1,9
Togo	171	124	-47	-27,5
North Africa	3 976	3 173	-803	-20,2
Algeria	274	274	-	-
Egypt	1 858	1 590	-268	-14,4
Libya	152	93	-59	-38,8
Morocco	505	346	-159	-31,5
South Sudan	157	197	40	25,5
The Sudan	249	259	10	4,0
Tunisia	776	412	-364	-46,9
Western Sahara	5	2	-3	-60,0
Unspecified	2 882	2 485	-397	-13,8

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026								% change Qtr 4, 2025 – Qtr 1, 2026
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2026	
Total	927 426	939 654	997 165	2 864 245	1 133 533	864 534	911 962	2 910 029	1,6
Overseas	238 406	242 940	238 561	719 907	235 058	222 978	223 641	681 677	-5,3
Europe	153 832	167 945	156 279	478 056	165 603	161 707	152 188	479 498	0,3
Austria	2 825	3 743	3 071	9 639	3 339	3 369	2 717	9 425	-2,2
Belgium	5 522	5 537	4 753	15 812	4 628	5 044	3 645	13 317	-15,8
Denmark	2 113	2 012	1 879	6 004	2 690	2 764	2 301	7 755	29,2
France	16 269	14 986	10 557	41 812	11 577	13 435	12 925	37 937	-9,3
Germany	36 635	45 972	33 917	116 524	38 306	39 866	39 913	118 085	1,3
Ireland	2 920	3 243	4 006	10 169	3 679	3 141	3 517	10 337	1,7
Italy	4 323	4 523	5 049	13 895	4 046	3 575	3 452	11 073	-20,3
Poland	1 458	2 237	1 663	5 358	2 149	2 035	1 765	5 949	11,0
Russian Federation	5 430	5 849	5 162	16 441	5 430	5 165	4 619	15 214	-7,5
Spain	3 071	2 704	2 461	8 236	1 904	1 884	2 606	6 394	-22,4
Sweden	3 035	3 360	4 915	11 310	4 333	4 134	2 421	10 888	-3,7
Switzerland	6 005	6 842	5 537	18 384	5 681	5 694	4 480	15 855	-13,8
The Netherlands	15 527	14 199	14 539	44 265	16 260	13 935	10 167	40 362	-8,8
UK	38 933	40 203	47 634	126 770	49 713	45 404	45 902	141 019	11,2
Other	9 766	12 535	11 136	33 437	11 868	12 262	11 758	35 888	7,3
North America	40 272	33 863	39 686	113 821	29 730	28 206	37 728	95 664	-16,0
Canada	7 536	6 908	6 080	20 524	5 407	5 651	6 460	17 518	-14,6
USA	32 736	26 955	33 606	93 297	24 323	22 555	31 268	78 146	-16,2
Central and South America	9 021	7 716	9 010	25 747	10 380	8 146	7 767	26 293	2,1
Argentina	622	496	514	1 632	1 243	1 776	697	3 716	127,7
Brazil	5 879	5 409	6 757	18 045	7 394	4 672	5 241	17 307	-4,1
Chile	400	289	216	905	416	609	292	1 317	45,5
Other	2 120	1 522	1 523	5 165	1 327	1 089	1 537	3 953	-23,5

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026								% change Qtr 4, 2025 – Qtr 1, 2026
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2026	
Australasia	12 181	10 848	15 606	38 635	10 498	7 111	10 910	28 519	-26,2
Australia	10 472	9 261	12 357	32 090	9 094	6 078	9 294	24 466	-23,8
New Zealand	1 701	1 574	3 198	6 473	1 392	1 021	1 603	4 016	-38,0
Other	8	13	51	72	12	12	13	37	-48,6
Middle East	19 504	18 210	15 202	52 916	15 858	15 804	13 926	45 588	-13,8
Israel	818	822	876	2 516	834	785	391	2 010	-20,1
Lebanon	271	253	264	788	212	215	142	569	-27,8
Saudi Arabia	1 224	1 819	745	3 788	1 208	412	307	1 927	-49,1
Other	17 191	15 316	13 317	45 824	13 604	14 392	13 086	41 082	-10,3
Asia	17 647	20 634	18 703	56 984	19 504	18 210	15 202	52 916	-7,1
Bangladesh	1 167	910	469	2 546	621	744	344	1 709	-32,9
China	2 833	2 951	2 159	7 943	2 471	2 623	2 543	7 637	-3,9
India	5 301	5 426	4 832	15 559	5 317	4 677	2 920	12 914	-17,0
Japan	2 157	1 640	1 537	5 334	1 434	1 646	2 786	5 866	10,0
Malaysia	803	618	512	1 933	371	370	436	1 177	-39,1
Pakistan	1 704	1 875	1 363	4 942	1 771	1 742	1 284	4 797	-2,9
Philippines	889	551	492	1 932	391	427	393	1 211	-37,3
Singapore	769	859	878	2 506	391	593	787	1 771	-29,3
South Korea	1 185	1 233	1 304	3 722	1 728	1 473	969	4 170	12,0
Taiwan	396	221	279	896	302	422	466	1 190	32,8
Other	443	4 350	4 878	9 671	4 707	3 493	2 274	10 474	8,3
Africa	687 918	695 391	757 770	2 141 079	897 761	640 781	687 325	2 225 867	4,0
SADC	668 407	674 435	738 362	2 081 204	882 023	624 294	670 498	2 176 815	4,6
Angola	3 235	3 893	3 603	10 731	3 188	3 714	3 741	10 643	-0,8
Botswana	34 074	34 264	54 704	123 042	27 983	27 212	31 768	86 963	-29,3
DRC	3 483	2 961	6 067	12 511	2 863	3 541	3 365	9 769	-21,9
Eswatini	83 626	83 370	97 914	264 910	80 632	67 686	75 246	223 564	-15,6

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026								% change Qtr 4, 2025 – Qtr 1, 2026
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2026	
Lesotho	116 917	110 284	115 831	343 032	178 529	94 924	108 482	381 935	11,3
Madagascar	334	409	349	1 092	328	366	398	1 092	-
Malawi	17 761	17 350	18 200	53 311	21 550	18 886	22 126	62 562	17,4
Mauritius	1 657	2 910	2 454	7 021	1 487	1 415	1 679	4 581	-34,8
Mozambique	176 273	198 735	181 250	556 258	223 126	210 925	208 306	642 357	15,5
Namibia	15 115	13 172	21 510	49 797	12 580	11 822	15 617	40 019	-19,6
Seychelles	419	672	662	1 753	443	545	517	1 505	-14,1
Tanzania	4 157	4 123	5 658	13 938	3 560	3 631	3 747	10 938	-21,5
Zambia	16 149	15 695	20 233	52 077	14 529	14 044	16 103	44 676	-14,2
Zimbabwe	195 207	186 597	209 927	591 731	311 225	165 583	179 403	656 211	10,9
'Other' African	19 511	20 956	19 408	59 875	15 738	16 487	16 827	49 052	-18,1
East and Central Africa	10 285	11 026	10 849	32 160	7 491	7 740	8 564	23 795	-26,0
Burundi	128	162	91	381	99	99	179	377	-1,0
Cameroon	403	496	349	1 248	412	403	428	1 243	-0,4
Central African Republic	23	25	5	53	6	19	8	33	-37,7
Chad	53	51	27	131	38	50	41	129	-1,5
Comoros	12	31	68	111	19	14	18	51	-54,1
Congo	133	186	142	461	120	99	120	339	-26,5
Djibouti	12	17	6	35	7	-	3	10	-71,4
Equatorial Guinea	36	56	23	115	21	20	18	59	-48,7
Eritrea	44	30	45	119	28	33	30	91	-23,5
Ethiopia	1 134	1 178	931	3 243	760	808	761	2 329	-28,2
Gabon	342	325	682	1 349	349	396	333	1 078	-20,1
Kenya	6 170	6 684	6 581	19 435	4 376	4 660	5 196	14 232	-26,8
Réunion	2	-	1	3	-	13	3	16	433,3
Rwanda	131	119	70	320	81	53	128	262	-18,1
São Tomé and Príncipe	17	18	2	37	6	9	19	34	-8,1
Somalia	130	125	85	340	87	63	92	242	-28,8
Uganda	1 515	1 523	1 741	4 779	1 082	1 001	1 187	3 270	-31,6

Annexure E – Number of tourists: Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 4, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026								% change Qtr 4, 2025 – Qtr 1, 2026
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qtr 4 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2026	
West Africa	7 878	8 315	7 558	23 751	7 016	7 584	7 484	22 084	-7,0
Benin	209	196	139	544	112	140	172	424	-22,1
Burkina Faso	90	84	31	205	39	154	64	257	25,4
Cape Verde Island	23	40	10	73	26	22	37	85	16,4
Côte d'Ivoire	139	236	107	482	134	266	192	592	22,8
Gambia	46	39	23	108	47	30	36	113	4,6
Ghana	4 079	4 143	4 352	12 574	3 280	3 333	4 008	10 621	-15,5
Guinea	92	110	84	286	72	140	52	264	-7,7
Guinea-Bissau	10	8	3	21	1	7	9	17	-19,0
Liberia	118	86	69	273	35	65	65	165	-39,6
Mali	90	93	61	244	48	215	95	358	46,7
Mauritania	12	31	15	58	15	61	12	88	51,7
Niger	30	40	11	81	21	44	25	90	11,1
Nigeria	2 636	2 850	2 474	7 960	3 019	2 805	2 507	8 331	4,7
Saint Helena	-	3	2	5	1	1	1	3	-40,0
Senegal	171	206	100	477	116	153	128	397	-16,8
Sierra Leone	65	91	48	204	35	72	48	155	-24,0
Togo	68	59	29	156	15	76	33	124	-20,5
North Africa	1 348	1 615	1 001	3 964	1 231	1 163	779	3 173	-20,0
Algeria	118	125	77	320	127	98	49	274	-14,4
Egypt	621	779	541	1 941	624	602	364	1 590	-18,1
Libya	58	31	42	131	40	25	28	93	-29,0
Morocco	147	243	89	479	117	163	66	346	-27,8
South Sudan	60	78	62	200	63	50	84	197	-1,5
The Sudan	162	121	61	344	130	81	48	259	-24,7
Tunisia	182	237	127	546	130	143	139	412	-24,5
Western Sahara	-	1	2	3	-	1	1	2	-33,3
Unspecified	1 102	1 323	834	3 259	714	775	996	2 485	-23,7

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026								% change Qtr 1, 2025 – Qtr 1, 2026
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2026	
Total	1 013 984	764 111	810 442	2 588 537	1 133 533	864 534	911 962	2 910 029	12,4
Overseas	210 709	215 830	214 546	641 085	235 058	222 978	223 641	681 677	6,3
Europe	142 786	151 506	134 963	429 255	165 603	161 707	152 188	479 498	11,7
Austria	2 494	3 217	2 354	8 065	3 339	3 369	2 717	9 425	16,9
Belgium	4 015	5 534	4 123	13 672	4 628	5 044	3 645	13 317	-2,6
Denmark	2 548	2 723	1 881	7 152	2 690	2 764	2 301	7 755	8,4
France	9 957	13 857	12 819	36 633	11 577	13 435	12 925	37 937	3,6
Germany	31 295	32 345	32 775	96 415	38 306	39 866	39 913	118 085	22,5
Ireland	3 129	3 048	3 128	9 305	3 679	3 141	3 517	10 337	11,1
Italy	3 462	3 708	3 622	10 792	4 046	3 575	3 452	11 073	2,6
Poland	1 776	1 987	1 475	5 238	2 149	2 035	1 765	5 949	13,6
Russian Federation	3 913	3 597	4 443	11 953	5 430	5 165	4 619	15 214	27,3
Spain	1 801	1 888	2 154	5 843	1 904	1 884	2 606	6 394	9,4
Sweden	4 049	4 119	2 454	10 622	4 333	4 134	2 421	10 888	2,5
Switzerland	4 944	5 398	3 973	14 315	5 681	5 694	4 480	15 855	10,8
The Netherlands	14 527	13 645	10 527	38 699	16 260	13 935	10 167	40 362	4,3
UK	45 363	46 090	39 434	130 887	49 713	45 404	45 902	141 019	7,7
Other	9 513	10 350	9 801	29 664	11 868	12 262	11 758	35 888	21,0
North America	30 651	29 853	42 748	103 252	29 730	28 206	37 728	95 664	-7,3
Canada	5 245	5 627	6 984	17 856	5 407	5 651	6 460	17 518	-1,9
USA	25 406	24 226	35 764	85 396	24 323	22 555	31 268	78 146	-8,5
Central and South America	8 358	7 106	6 495	21 959	10 380	8 146	7 767	26 293	19,7
Argentina	1 099	1 158	646	2 903	1 243	1 776	697	3 716	28,0
Brazil	5 454	4 020	4 133	13 607	7 394	4 672	5 241	17 307	27,2
Chile	370	689	286	1 345	416	609	292	1 317	-2,1
Other	1 435	1 239	1 430	4 104	1 327	1 089	1 537	3 953	-3,7

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (continued)

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026								% change Qtr 1, 2025 – Qtr 1, 2026
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2026	
Australasia	9 068	7 505	10 712	27 285	10 498	7 111	10 910	28 519	4,5
Australia	7 616	6 311	8 988	22 915	9 094	6 078	9 294	24 466	6,8
New Zealand	1 433	1 137	1 701	4 271	1 392	1 021	1 603	4 016	-6,0
Other	19	57	23	99	12	12	13	37	-62,6
Middle East	2 834	2 698	2 824	8 356	2 989	2 004	1 122	6 115	-26,8
Israel	714	766	791	2 271	834	785	391	2 010	-11,5
Lebanon	192	204	202	598	212	215	142	569	-4,8
Saudi Arabia	1 059	817	390	2 266	1 208	412	307	1 927	-15,0
Other	869	911	1 441	3 221	735	592	282	1 609	-50,0
Asia	17 012	17 162	16 804	50 978	15 858	15 804	13 926	45 588	-10,6
Bangladesh	504	589	470	1 563	621	744	344	1 709	9,3
China	3 738	3 306	4 150	11 194	2 471	2 623	2 543	7 637	-31,8
India	5 902	5 991	5 015	16 908	5 317	4 677	2 920	12 914	-23,6
Japan	1 330	1 633	1 866	4 829	1 434	1 646	2 786	5 866	21,5
Malaysia	408	390	386	1 184	371	370	436	1 177	-0,6
Pakistan	1 310	1 381	1 137	3 828	1 771	1 742	1 284	4 797	25,3
Philippines	350	374	489	1 213	391	427	393	1 211	-0,2
Singapore	308	409	465	1 182	391	593	787	1 771	49,8
South Korea	1 735	1 789	1 234	4 758	1 728	1 473	969	4 170	-12,4
Taiwan	543	359	371	1 273	302	422	466	1 190	-6,5
Other	884	941	1 221	3 046	1 061	1 087	998	3 146	3,3
Africa	802 481	547 233	594 856	1 944 570	897 761	640 781	687 325	2 225 867	14,5
SADC	787 560	531 644	579 224	1 898 428	882 023	624 294	670 498	2 176 815	14,7
Angola	3 428	3 426	3 470	10 324	3 188	3 714	3 741	10 643	3,1
Botswana	25 978	24 649	30 488	81 115	27 983	27 212	31 768	86 963	7,2
DRC	2 751	2 858	2 924	8 533	2 863	3 541	3 365	9 769	14,5
Eswatini	74 156	64 114	75 637	213 907	80 632	67 686	75 246	223 564	4,5

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Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026								% change Qtr 1, 2025 – Qtr 1, 2026
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2026	
Lesotho	176 550	94 782	104 216	375 548	178 529	94 924	108 482	381 935	1,7
Madagascar	264	329	404	997	328	366	398	1 092	9,5
Malawi	18 145	15 645	20 262	54 052	21 550	18 886	22 126	62 562	15,7
Mauritius	1 379	1 511	1 613	4 503	1 487	1 415	1 679	4 581	1,7
Mozambique	182 768	149 851	155 426	488 045	223 126	210 925	208 306	642 357	31,6
Namibia	13 102	12 207	14 344	39 653	12 580	11 822	15 617	40 019	0,9
Seychelles	392	499	531	1 422	443	545	517	1 505	5,8
Tanzania	3 102	3 223	3 117	9 442	3 560	3 631	3 747	10 938	15,8
Zambia	12 461	11 916	11 675	36 052	14 529	14 044	16 103	44 676	23,9
Zimbabwe	273 084	146 634	155 117	574 835	311 225	165 583	179 403	656 211	14,2
'Other' African	14 921	15 589	15 632	46 142	15 738	16 487	16 827	49 052	6,3
East and Central Africa	7 091	7 351	7 619	22 061	7 491	7 740	8 564	23 795	7,9
Burundi	95	79	113	287	99	99	179	377	31,4
Cameroon	373	380	447	1 200	412	403	428	1 243	3,6
Central African Republic	18	17	9	44	6	19	8	33	-25,0
Chad	53	56	26	135	38	50	41	129	-4,4
Comoros	30	22	38	90	19	14	18	51	-43,3
Congo	215	138	120	473	120	99	120	339	-28,3
Djibouti	10	12	10	32	7	-	3	10	-68,8
Equatorial Guinea	37	20	18	75	21	20	18	59	-21,3
Eritrea	41	47	35	123	28	33	30	91	-26,0
Ethiopia	578	716	753	2 047	760	808	761	2 329	13,8
Gabon	304	303	289	896	349	396	333	1 078	20,3
Kenya	3 846	4 303	4 552	12 701	4 376	4 660	5 196	14 232	12,1
Réunion	6	-	8	14	-	13	3	16	14,3
Rwanda	88	74	51	213	81	53	128	262	23,0
São Tomé and Príncipe	18	2	10	30	6	9	19	34	13,3
Somalia	65	80	59	204	87	63	92	242	18,6
Uganda	1 314	1 102	1 081	3 497	1 082	1 001	1 187	3 270	-6,5

Annexure F – Number of tourists: Quarter 1, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026 changes by country of residence and month of travel (concluded)

Country of residence	Quarter 1, 2025 – Quarter 1, 2026								% change Qtr 1, 2025 – Qtr 1, 2026
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	Qtr 1 2026	
West Africa	6 363	6 815	6 927	20 105	7 016	7 584	7 484	22 084	9,8
Benin	148	167	214	529	112	140	172	424	-19,8
Burkina Faso	51	113	55	219	39	154	64	257	17,4
Cape Verde Island	33	24	28	85	26	22	37	85	0,0
Côte d'Ivoire	222	171	150	543	134	266	192	592	9,0
Gambia	31	45	42	118	47	30	36	113	-4,2
Ghana	3 088	3 201	3 480	9 769	3 280	3 333	4 008	10 621	8,7
Guinea	104	138	77	319	72	140	52	264	-17,2
Guinea-Bissau	22	8	9	39	1	7	9	17	-56,4
Liberia	70	68	35	173	35	65	65	165	-4,6
Mali	127	127	55	309	48	215	95	358	15,9
Mauritania	26	38	6	70	15	61	12	88	25,7
Niger	28	25	25	78	21	44	25	90	15,4
Nigeria	2 207	2 445	2 500	7 152	3 019	2 805	2 507	8 331	16,5
Saint Helena	2	3	2	7	1	1	1	3	-57,1
Senegal	112	147	107	366	116	153	128	397	8,5
Sierra Leone	50	57	51	158	35	72	48	155	-1,9
Togo	42	38	91	171	15	76	33	124	-27,5
North Africa	1 467	1 423	1 086	3 976	1 231	1 163	779	3 173	-20,2
Algeria	153	75	46	274	127	98	49	274	-
Egypt	681	759	418	1 858	624	602	364	1 590	-14,4
Libya	52	80	20	152	40	25	28	93	-38,8
Morocco	252	174	79	505	117	163	66	346	-31,5
South Sudan	53	54	50	157	63	50	84	197	25,5
The Sudan	104	83	62	249	130	81	48	259	4,0
Tunisia	170	196	410	776	130	143	139	412	-46,9
Western Sahara	2	2	1	5	-	1	1	2	-60,0
Unspecified	794	1 048	1 040	2 882	714	775	996	2 485	-13,8

Annexure G – Number of tourists' difference between March 2019 and March 2026 by port of entry and province (excluding ports in March 2019 with missing data in March 2026)

Port of entry and province	March 2019	March 2026	Difference between March 2019 and March 2026	% Change between March 2019 and March 2026
Total	838 696	911 962	73 266	8,7
Western Cape	89 529	115 647	26 118	29,2
Cape Town Harbour	1 606	3 096	1 490	92,8
Cape Town International Airport	87 923	112 551	24 628	28,0
Northern Cape	7 835	9 152	1 317	16,8
Nakop	3 128	4 518	1 390	44,4
Violsdrift	4 707	4 634	-73	-1,6
Free State	120 895	110 335	-10 560	-8,7
Caledonspoort	10 364	10 825	461	4,4
Ficksburg	46 892	43 649	-3 243	-6,9
Maseru Bridge	51 380	50 119	-1 261	-2,5
Van Rooyens Gate	12 259	5 742	-6 517	-53,2
KwaZulu Natal	26 230	26 715	485	1,8
Durban Harbour	900	689	-211	-23,4
Golela	15 310	13 937	-1 373	-9,0
King Shaka International Airport	4 924	1 368	-3 556	-72,2
Kosibay	5 096	10 721	5 625	110,4
North West	46 416	33 077	-13 339	-28,7
Kopfontein	24 351	17 150	-7 201	-29,6
Ramatlabama	7 818	6 445	-1 373	-17,6
Skilpad Gate	9 909	7 602	-2 307	-23,3
Swartkopfontein Gate	4 338	1 880	-2 458	-56,7
Gauteng	177 038	164 631	-12 407	-7,0
Lanseria International Airport	355	226	-129	-36,3
OR Tambo International Airport	176 683	164 405	-12 278	-6,9
Mpumalanga	179 465	290 076	110 611	61,6
Emahlatini	5 582	5 495	-87	-1,6
Jeppes Reef	11 333	15 068	3 735	33,0
Lebombo	103 923	204 730	100 807	97,0
Mahamba	8 630	7 823	-807	-9,4
Mananga	8 722	9 406	684	7,8
Nerston	1 337	755	-582	-43,5
Oshoek	39 938	46 799	6 861	17,2
Limpopo	169 401	162 329	-7 072	-4,2
Beit Bridge	151 261	140 882	-10 379	-6,9
Groblers Bridge	18 140	21 447	3 307	18,2

Annexure H – Number of tourists' difference between Mar 2025 and Mar 2026 by port of entry and province (excluding ports in Mar 2025 with missing data in Mar 2026)

Port of entry and province	March 2025	March 2026	Difference between March 2025 and March 2026	% Change between March 2025 and March 2026
Total	810 269	910 082	99 813	12,3
Western Cape	113 488	115 647	2 159	1,9
Cape Town Harbour	4 719	3 096	-1 623	-34,4
Cape Town International Airport	108 769	112 551	3 782	3,5
Northern Cape	8 639	9 152	513	5,9
Nakop	4 110	4 518	408	9,9
Violsdrift	4 529	4 634	105	2,3
Free State	105 068	110 335	5 267	5,0
Caledonspoort	11 673	10 825	-848	-7,3
Ficksburg	40 194	43 649	3 455	8,6
Maseru Bridge	52 049	50 119	-1 930	-3,7
Van Rooyens Gate	1 152	5 742	4 590	398,4
KwaZulu Natal	26 590	26 715	125	0,5
Durban Harbour	169	689	520	307,7
Golela	14 077	13 937	-140	-1,0
King Shaka International Airport	3 226	1 368	-1 858	-57,6
Kosibay	9 118	10 721	1 603	17,6
North West	41 185	31 197	-9 988	-24,3
Kopfontein	26 549	17 150	-9 399	-35,4
Ramatlabama	5 933	6 445	512	8,6
Skilpad Gate	8 703	7 602	-1 101	-12,7
Gauteng	149 153	164 631	15 478	10,4
Lanseria International Airport	235	226	-9	-3,8
OR Tambo International Airport	148 918	164 405	15 487	10,4
Mpumalanga	231 969	290 076	58 107	25,0
Emahlatini	5 152	5 495	343	6,7
Jeppes Reef	13 832	15 068	1 236	8,9
Lebombo	153 017	204 730	51 713	33,8
Mahamba	7 425	7 823	398	5,4
Mananga	10 697	9 406	-1 291	-12,1
Nerston	92	755	663	720,7
Oshoek	41 754	46 799	5 045	12,1
Limpopo	134 177	162 329	28 152	21,0
Beit Bridge	127 951	140 882	12 931	10,1
Groblers Bridge	6 226	21 447	15 221	244,5

Annexure I – Number of tourists' difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026 by port of entry and province (excluding ports with missing data between Jan – Mar, 2025 – 2026)

Port of entry and province	Jan – Mar 2025	Jan – Mar 2026	Difference between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026	% change between Jan – Mar 2025 and Jan – Mar 2026
Total	2 572 822	2 894 715	321 893	12,5
Western Cape	342 046	363 749	21 703	6,3
Cape Town Harbour	5 383	8 909	3 526	65,5
Cape Town International Airport	342 046	363 749	21 703	6,3
Northern Cape	25 657	25 000	-657	-2,6
Nakop	12 418	12 496	78	0,6
Violsdrift	13 239	12 504	-735	-5,6
Free State	369 603	386 525	16 922	4,6
Caledonspoort	38 158	39 908	1 750	4,6
Ficksburg	149 054	163 906	14 852	10,0
Maseru Bridge	161 893	168 356	6 463	4,0
Van Rooyens Gate	20 498	14 355	-6 143	-30,0
KwaZulu Natal	82 189	88 087	5 898	7,2
Durban Harbour	2 723	2 002	-721	-26,5
Golela	38 392	39 033	641	1,7
King Shaka International Airport	9 282	6 946	-2 336	-25,2
Kosibay	31 792	40 106	8 314	26,2
North West	106 483	89 072	-17 411	-16,4
Kopfontein	65 084	51 144	-13 940	-21,4
Ramathlabama	17 580	18 755	1 175	6,7
Skilpad Gate	23 819	19 173	-4 646	-19,5
Gauteng	435 516	473 764	38 248	8,8
Lanseria International Airport	643	637	-6	-0,9
Oliver Tambo International Airport	434 873	473 127	38 254	8,8
Mpumalanga	690 637	862 185	171 548	24,8
Emahlatini	14 000	17 511	3 511	25,1
Jeppes Reef	38 920	42 885	3 965	10,2
Lebombo	469 185	618 576	149 391	31,8
Mahamba	21 470	22 922	1 452	6,8
Mananga	27 509	24 353	-3 156	-11,5
Nerston	358	2 140	1 782	497,8

4. Explanatory notes

4.1 Introduction

Legal movements across South African borders, as well as legal immigration into South Africa, fall under the jurisdiction of the DHA. Stats SA then processes, analyses and publishes this information.

Administrative data sources from the DHA, that is, information from all the country's ports of entry and applications for permanent residence, constitute the only comprehensive source of information on foreign arrivals and departures, documented immigrants and emigrants. The information from this source of data provides the best national coverage (in terms of both space and time) of the population movements of South African residents and foreign travellers. The data can be used for the following:

- To estimate, monitor and understand salient characteristics of foreign travellers and volumes of South African residents travelling outside South Africa.
- To provide information that can be used to (a) assess the extent of government's progress in strengthening bilateral political and economic relations by assessing the number of international tourist arrivals, and (b) benchmark surveys focusing on the demand for local tourism services by foreign travellers.

4.2 Purpose of the statistical release

This release reports on arrivals, departures and transit travellers of South African residents and foreign travellers. Detailed information on the age and sex distribution; mode of travel; national and regional distribution; and purpose of travel of overnight visitors or tourists are also provided.

4.3 Scope and coverage

The release covers data collected by DHA officials on travellers who departed from or entered the Republic of South Africa (RSA). It is crucial to note that unlike data from census or sample surveys that count individual persons, border statistics by their nature, measure events i.e. movements of persons rather than the physical persons. The reason is that the same person can cross the border several times during a specified time and his or her information is recorded every time he or she passes through the border.

4.4 Data

Information published in this release is based on data obtained from the following data sources within the DHA:

- Data routinely collected by immigration officers at all road, air and sea entry ports on all travellers (South African residents and foreign travellers) arriving into or departing from South Africa are captured into the DHA's population Movement Control System (MCS). The counts/statistics relate to the number of individual movements, rather than to the number of people. Hence, the multiple movements of individual people during the calendar month are each counted separately. Generally, the data are collected directly from travel documents either by scanning or capturing onto the ports' electronic database. No forms or cards are used (except on rare occasions when the capturing system is down) to collect information from travellers. Individual ports regularly transmit data onto the national database at the head office of the DHA. Stats SA receives downloaded data covering a particular calendar month from the DHA.
- As part of data interrogation, data from OR Tambo International Airport, which has the highest volume of travellers, are compared with passenger statistics from the Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA). As expected, in any specific month, an increase/decrease in the volume of passengers reported by ACSA is also reflected with an increase/decrease in the volume of travellers recorded by DHA. In March 2026, the DHA data was 0,9% lower than that of ACSA.

4.5 Limitations

4.5.1 Outbound tourists

The information on the total number of arrivals and departures of South African residents is collected from the scanning of passports. However, data on the country visited are not collected from passengers; country of final destination; intended duration of stay and purpose of visit. With this limitation, it is impossible to identify the number of tourists from the data on South African residents.

4.6 Definition of terms

4.6.1 Definitions used by the United Nations Tourism (UN Tourism)

Traveller is someone who moves between different geographical locations for any purpose and any duration.

Visitor refers to any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than 12 months and whose main purpose of the trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited.

Same-Day visitor is a visitor who visits a place for less than one night.

Tourist (overnight visitor) is a visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place visited.

Tourism comprises the activities of persons travelling to, and staying in places outside their usual environment, for not more than one consecutive year, for leisure, business and other purposes. The usual environment of a person consists of a certain area around his/her place of residence, plus all the other places he/she frequently visits.

4.6.2 Definitions used specifically in this release

South African resident refers to either a South African citizen or a non-South African citizen with a South African permanent residence permit.

Foreign traveller refers to a traveller who is not a South African citizen or permanent resident.

Region refers to the following country classification:

- Overseas: Europe, North America, Central and South America, Australasia, the Middle East and Asia.
- Africa: SADC and 'other' Africa (East and Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa).

Country refers to individual countries within a region. The country of residence is used. The country of residence should not be confused with the country from which the visitor travelled.

Africa refers to all the countries in Africa (both mainland and island countries).

SADC refers to the fourteen countries, excluding South Africa, which belong to the Southern African Development Community.

'Other' African refers to all non-SADC African countries.

Overseas refers to all countries outside Africa.

Trip refers to the arrival and departure of a visitor in a specified month.

4.7 Symbols used

- = nil

< = less than

4.8 Rounding off

Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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